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ST. JOSEPH MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION OF MACHINE GUN, GRENADE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Joseph man pleaded guilty today to illegally possessing a machine gun, a grenade and a silencer.

Billy D. Hill, 50, of St. Joseph, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to being in possession of a Sten style machine gun, a silencer not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and a fragmentation style grenade not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record. As part of his plea agreement, Graves said, **Hill** also agreed to forfeit to the United States \$20,000 that was recovered from his residence during the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Buchanan County Drug Strike Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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